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**MAIL STOP RCE** 

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**MAIL STOP RCE** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Customer Number 21839

Si	r:		
			ant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the 301) 国第790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
1.		A. Ap	oplicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered.  ontinued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
٠			oplicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is quested:
*		L	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
			Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
			Other:
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2.	Th	e follov	wing documents are enclosed with this submission:
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3.		Small entity status is hereby claimed.
	×	No additional claim fee is required.
		The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this
		application prior to this submission:

				CLAIMS			
	No. of Claims			Extra Claims		Rate	Fee
Examination Fee (18	801)						\$ 790.00
Total Claims	15	MINUS	20 =	0	х	\$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	3 =	0	×	\$200.00(1201) =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent	t claims are p	resented,	add \$	360.00 (1203)			
Total Fee							\$ 790.00
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee				\$ 0.00			
TOTAL FEE DUE							\$ 790.00

4.	X	A check in the amount of $\frac{\$ 790.00}{}$ is enclosed for the fee due.
5.		Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
6.		Charge to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
7.		Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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